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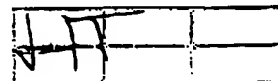
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In re application of:
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DECISION ON PETITION

For: RECOVERY OF FETAL CELLS FROM MATERNAL BLOOD USING
CHAOTIC ADVECTION

In response to the CPA papers submitted August 17, 1998, for continuation of the above application.

The CPA papers under 37 C.F.R 1.53(d) are improper. See: MPEP 201.06(d) a CPA is filed once the prior nonprovisional application is completed. The fee for the CPA will be credited to Deposit Account 02-4377.

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